

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 31, line 13 as follows:

Furthermore, pB92 was transformed into E. coli. The transformant (Escherichia coli JM109/pYES92) was deposited at the National Institute of Bioscience and Human-Technology, the Ministry of International Trade and Industry, 1-1-3, Higashi, Tsukuba, Ibaraki, Japan on February 16, 2000. The accession number was FERM BP-7032. The transformant was cultured in L culture medium (0.5% yeast extract, 0.5% NaCl, 1.0% tryptone), and harvested and disrupted, to confirm the DyP activity.